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Just remember all will be foia'd and a litigation hold in place.

Re: FOIA Request

Dear EPA DC Office and Regions 6, 8 and 9 FOIA Officers,

On August 5, 2015, workers employed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) triggered a breach at the Gold King

Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County.

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the "Act"), Cable News Network, Inc. ("CNN")

requests access to and copies of all records relating to

communications from the EPA ground team (the EPA employees and/or contractors who triggered a breach at Gold King

Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County) to regional EPA offices and EPA headquarters in the hours and 10 days

following the spill on August 5, 2015, specifically including, but not limited to email, internal communications, text

messages, etc.

CNN agrees to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$300.

Please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If CNN's request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions

of the Act. CNN will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. CNN reserves the

right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible by email  
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